

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16 are currently pending. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following:

Group I: Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10 & 16 drawn to a method for producing medicaments and a medicament obtainable by the method.

Group II: Claims 1-5, 7 & 11-15 drawn to a method for producing medicaments and a coated tablet obtainable by the method.

Applicants hereby elect Group II, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully request a rejoinder of Group I and Group II. Applicants hereby submit that a coated tablet is a form of the medicaments obtainable by the methods of this invention (*see*, for example, lines 22-23 of page 3 of the application as filed). Accordingly, a search for the method and the medicament of Group II, inasmuch as Groups I & II starting from the same method for producing medicaments comprising the same compound, would necessarily result in discovery of all the related methods and medicaments, that is, the search result of Group II would necessarily yield the methods/medicaments recited in Group I. Indeed, the search and examination of the related methods and medicaments set forth in Groups I and II would unavoidably be co-extensive and, in any event, would involve such interrelated art that the search and examination of the both groups can be made without any undue burden on the Examiner. Therefore, a rejoinder and a full examination of Group I and Group II are respectfully requested.

Upon election of Group II, the Examiner has also required the election of one species of treatment. Applicants hereby elect the treatment of sexual dysfunctions, with traverse.

Applicants strongly disagree with the Examiner's allegation that there is lack unity of invention between the treatment of sexual dysfunctions and the treatment of erectile dysfunction. It is known in the art that erectile dysfunction is a form of sexual dysfunctions (*see*, e.g., lines 8-12 of page 8 of the application as filed). Therefore, Applicants submit that species disclosed herein do not require different fields of searching. Accordingly, the Examiner is strongly urged to conduct a full examination of the elected group. In the alternative, Applicants respectfully request a broadening search upon allowance of the elected species.

Upon entry of the above elections, claims 1-5, 7, 11-13, and 15 read on the elected species.

The afore-mentioned elections are being made solely to comply with, and be fully-responsive to, the restriction requirement set forth in the *Office Action*. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue any non-elected or otherwise unclaimed subject matter in one or more continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional applications.

In view of the above elections and remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Further, it is believed that no fees are due for the subject application. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, the Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105 under the Order No. 83964 (303989).

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